

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 – 12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (New) A surgical procedure for treating pelvic disorders comprising the steps of:

- placing at least one incision in the vagina;
- providing a sling anchor;
- providing a sling;
- associating the sling anchor with the sling;
- using an inserter to place the sling anchor initially through the vaginal incision and then into a patient's soft tissue; and
- anchoring the sling anchor in fascia without creating an abdominal incision.

Claim 14 (New) The surgical procedure of claim 13 wherein the step of placing the sling anchor into a patient's soft tissue comprises inserting at least one first anchor through a right sacrospinous ligament and at least one second anchor through a left sacrospinous ligament.

Claim 15 (New) A surgical procedure for treating pelvic disorders comprising the steps of:

- placing at least one incision in the vagina;
- providing an anchor;
- using an inserter to place the anchor initially through the vaginal incision and then into a patient's soft tissue; and
- anchoring the anchor in fascia without creating an abdominal incision.

Claim 16 (New) The surgical procedure of claim 15 wherein the anchor is inserted into one of the sacrospinous ligaments and sutures are threaded through the anchor and through a portion of a patient's vaginal wall, wherein the sutures are tightened to prevent prolapse.

Claim 17 (New) The surgical procedure of claim 15 wherein the step of placing at least one incision in the vagina comprises making an incision over the posterior and superior vaginal wall.

Claim 18 (New) The surgical procedure of claim 17 further comprising the steps of:

dissecting laterally to enter a patient's extraperitoneal pararectal space;

palpating a patient's sacrospinous ligament;

inserting the anchor into soft tissue that is medial from a patient's ischial spine;

passing sutures attached to the anchor through a portion of a patient's vaginal wall;

tightening the suture to prevent prolapse.

Claim 19 (New) The surgical procedure of claim 17 wherein at least two anchors are inserted into a patient's soft tissue.